

# Hawk Mountain Ranger School

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ranger Summer School:

This past July, Hawk Mountain Ranger School had its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary summer school. Over 480 people including about 200 students attended the week long school and festivities. Among the guests were Col Phillip Neuweiler's daughter, Louis Furst, along with her family, Pennsylvania State Representative David Argall, Pennsylvania Senator Robert Robbins, Maj Gen Anthony Pineda, CAP National Commander, Col Larry Kaufman, CAP National Chief of Staff; Col Robert Diduch NER Commander; Col M. Allen Applebaum, PA Wing Commander; Col Paul R. Kopczynski, Advisor to PA Wing; and Lt Col Eugene Egly, Delaware Wing Vice Commander.

During the school, students learned search and rescue, navigation and survival skills. They went on a three day field training exercise, during which, they practiced and were tested their Ranger skills.

During the FTX, there was a Belt Reunion held at The Pulpit on Thursday night and Friday night dinner at the Kempton Hotel. Many belts who had not been to the mountain in a while attended the festivities. Most stayed for the skit night on Saturday night and the traditional graduation day ceremonies.



## Upcoming Summer School

July 7 to 15, 2007 see you there!



Expert Rangers, Master Medic & Gen Pineda at the 2006 HMRS Graduation. (prints available)

## 60' Climbing Tower

I am writing to each of you to request your assistance at Hawk Mt. This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ranger Program and much has happened in the past few years at HMRS. We have had a major building program, replacing the old trailers with eight new offices, a new shower facility, a new chapel, and improvements on the obstacle course. The old tower that we all trained on and climbed is gone – a victim of old age like many of us. But that tower was a big part of the mountain, it provided us with one more challenge to overcome and now it is gone. Our program has grown as well and there is now a need for a new commercial climbing tower so that we can train High Angle Rescue and all of the other rope skills that are part of our program.

This past summer school we had many of our former belts and members return to the mountain for the anniversary get together. It was great to sit and reminisce about old times, what we had made of our lives and how the program helped each of us in our lives. But many of you were unable to make it and to see all that the mountain has become. It is not the place you remember in many regards. It has become a very professional school that is rated as the top special activity in Civil Air Patrol. Our staff has more than 600 years of combined experience and we are setting up regional Ranger Schools across the country. The National Commander at this past National Board Meeting authorized the program nationwide with the wearing of the Ranger Uniform being fully recognized.

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What I need now is your help. We began raising money for the tower and have had great success so far. We received fantastic support from all of those that returned to Hawk for the 50<sup>th</sup> with their generous donations and we received a commitment from National Headquarters to also provide some funding towards the tower. Building a 60-ft commercial grade climbing tower is not a cheap venture, but we are on our way to our seventy thousand dollar goal. Most of the funds raised so far have come from the past and present belts of the program and from current staff members, I know that there is not one of us that has not benefited from this program either in our personal lives or in our professional lives. I also believe that we owe back, and we need to ensure that the students at Hawk today receive the same benefits that have helped us in our lives. The tower will be a multi-faceted training facility. It will be fully lighted with multiple levels for assorted skills training. The tower will also house the new slide-for-life that was part of the obstacle course.

Hawk Mountain Ranger Staff Training is one of the foremost leadership schools and has played a very big part in sending many of our graduates on to the Military, to Law Enforcement, to Medical Fields, Business and to Education. The challenges that we endured at Hawk made us better prepared to take on just about anything that came our way and to succeed. I am issuing you another challenge, help me to make this new tower a reality for those young men and women who are currently learning and taking up the challenge of Hawk Mountain.

We need to start construction soon so that the tower facility will be completed prior to this upcoming summer school. All donations are tax deductible and everyone will receive a letter from Wing covering the donation. Please don't delay, I need to get the contractor locked up so that we can make this happen, but I need to have the funds to go forward.

I need everyone's support on this venture, please don't delay

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has already contributed to the tower and to those of you that will hopefully be helping to make the new tower a reality. Anyone who has any questions concerning this project, the school or the program, please feel free to give me a call at 301-607-6124.

I challenge each of you to donate! We need to show our support of our program! To date we have received over \$20,000.00 in donations and more in pledges. However, we need \$72,000.00 in order to be able to complete this project.

Mail Donations to:  
Pennsylvania Wing Headquarters, CAP  
Hawk Mt Ranger School  
Building 3-108  
Fort Indiantown Gap  
Annville PA 17003

Checks should be made payable to: Hawk Mt Ranger School, CAP, please note in the memo section of your check; Tower Fund.

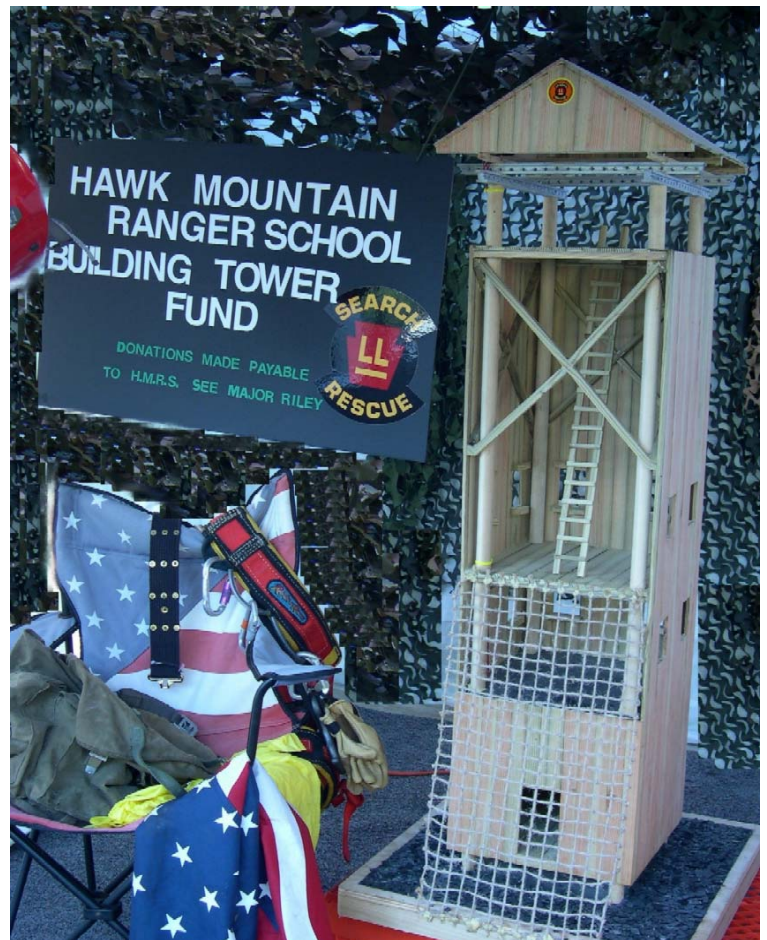
Donations of \$500.00 or more will receive a limited edition engraved gold tone commemorative 50th Anniversary "Challenge Coin" and be named on the dedication plaque.

Once again, thank you for supporting the Hawk Mountain Ranger School, and PA Wing CAP.

Thanks for Your Support,

*Herb*

**Everyone is invited to show up to any of the Hawk Mountain activities throughout the year. Please visit our website at <http://www.pawg.cap.gov/hawk>.**







### What's to Come?

In addition to the rope tower, there are many other projects that will be happening at Hawk Mountain. There will be a fishing pond with an edible plants garden nearby. These will be maintained by the staff and used to teach survival skills. The interior of the BX will be renovated and commercial kitchen facilities will be installed. In addition to this, the obstacle course will gain some new obstacles. The Attila will be renovated and given stronger, new supports. If you wish to help with any of these projects, please contact Herb Cahalen at 301-607-6124.

### BX Has New Items

The Hawk Mountain BX has recently added many new items. These include button-down and polo shirts available with HMRS, PAWG, or CAP insignia, fleece jackets available with the LL Insignia or PAWG Insignia, and many other new items. To see them all, visit the BX page at: <http://www.pawg.cap.gov.hawk>



If you would like to help cook or sell items at the BX during this summer school, contact DeEtte Riley at:

[driley@awandsons.com](mailto:driley@awandsons.com)

even if you are only available only a day or two.

### Kept in touch Help us Complete our Data Base

Please send contact information of all past Hawk Mountain Ranger School Staff to:

[rangerstaff@yahoo.com](mailto:rangerstaff@yahoo.com).

## Krista Griesacker Memorial Adventure Race & Brian Faunce Memorial Golf Tournament

For the past three years, GOALS Adventure Racing Association, operated by Bill and Anne Gibbons, has been hosting an adventure race at Hawk Mountain in August in memory of former staff member Krista Griesacker Expert Ranger # 169. The racers cover about 50 miles in one day. There is trail running and navigation, mountain biking, canoeing, and vertical rope work. The Krista Griesacker Race is a qualifying race for the national adventure racing circuit.

In September 2006, the Faunce family hosted the second annual Brian Faunce Memorial Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit the Brian Faunce Memorial Foundation ROTC Scholarship & The Hawk Mt Ranger School.

September 12, 2004

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RE: Dedication of [Faunce Hall](#)

*I want to thank all who made Faunce Hall a reality. Brian would be so proud. I think Brian would consider Faunce Hall a luxury deserving of the CAP cadet leadership; a home that will nurture future leaders. And as each new Cadet Commander takes charge, Brian's spirit will continue to grow on Hawk Mountain.*

*Brian was so proud of his years and accomplishments at CAP. The skills and passions that grew with him at Hawk Mountain stayed with him as he grew into manhood, and I could not have been more proud of the young man, husband and leader he became. All who remember Brian as a boy, and remember the "angry little guy" would be very surprised to know that Brian grew up to be very patient. Over and over again we heard stories of how kind and compassionate Brian was, how he always took the time to reach out to individuals who might otherwise be overlooked. His commanders, peers and subordinates all spoke of Brian's natural leadership abilities, how well prepared he would be, no matter how large or small the mission. Brian's leadership training was kindled and grew on Hawk Mountain.*

*It is an honor for the Faunce family to contribute to this wonderful organization. Please extend our sincere thanks to the senior CAP leadership for their years of hard work and dedication to the youth of Pennsylvania and our country. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers and know that Brian lives on in our hearts, our memories and on Hawk Mountain.*

*With warmest regards, the Faunce Family:  
Cheryl Skeide Faunce, widow  
Richard Faunce, father  
Judith Faunce, mother  
Samantha Faunce, sister  
Danielle Faunce, sister*

For information on the Griesacker Race, please visit:  
<http://www.goalsara.org>

For information on the golf tournament, please visit:  
<http://www.cptbrianfaunce.org>

**I hope you enjoyed your first edition of the HMRS Newsletter! Hope to see you soon!**

Send your comments, suggestions and articles to [rangerstaff@yahoo.com](mailto:rangerstaff@yahoo.com)

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**For the second year in a row, Squadron 302 wins the 2006 Ranger Team Competition!**



**Please Join us at the Ranger Banquet**

### ***2007 Ranger Awards Banquet***

Hosted by:

Capital City Composite Squadron 302

March 10, 2007

Happy Hour begins @ 1800hrs

Holiday Inn - Harrisburg

I-83 and PA Turnpike Exit 242

New Cumberland, PA 17070

717-774-2721

Call for Reservations - Rooms Blocked under CAP

For more information visit [www.pawg.cap.gov/hawk](http://www.pawg.cap.gov/hawk)

**There will be a Ranger Staff meeting held at 1300hrs in the same location on March 10, 2007.**

**Ranger Staff Meeting 20-21 January 2007**  
at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA. For More information,  
contact Lt Col Herb Cahalen 301-607-6124



### **We're updating publications...help wanted**

Because of the rapid growth of our program recently, it has become necessary to get all of our publications up to date and to begin standardizing all activities with lesson plans and schedules. We are also making a database of all people who have attended Hawk Mountain Schools. If you would like to assist with any of these projects, or if you have old sign in sheets, lesson plans, or publications that you would be willing to lend, please e-mail [rangerstaff@yahoo.com](mailto:rangerstaff@yahoo.com) with the subject "HMRS Publications." Thank you for your help.